

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GENERATING A BAGGAGE TAG HAVING  
TRAVELER INFORMATION USEFUL FOR RECONCILIATION OF MISHANDLED  
BAGGAGE WITH THE TRAVELER**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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A system and method are disclosed which enable generation of a tag that includes information useful for reconciliation of a user item with a user. Preferably, such a tag is a baggage tag that includes information useful for reconciliation of mishandled baggage with a traveler. In one embodiment, a system comprises at least one processor unit, at least one user input device, a display device, and a printer. The system further comprises software code executable to receive traveler information, including contact information for a traveler, and encode at least a portion of the traveler information into a machine-readable format. Preferably, the contact information input by a traveler and included on the generated baggage tag includes temporary contact information. Such temporary contact information may specify the time period during which it is valid for contacting the traveler.